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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>11256P3 WO/RH</b>	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	See item 4 below
International application No. <b>PCT/GB2004/002267</b>	International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) <b>28 May 2004 (28.05.2004)</b>	Priority date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) <b>26 June 2003 (26.06.2003)</b>
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4.	The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis .2).																								

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E03D9/00, E03D9/02

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**1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:**

- ☒ Box No. I      Basis of the opinion
- ☒ Box No. II      Priority
- ☐ Box No. III      Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV      Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V      Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI      Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII      Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII      Certain observations on the international application

**2. FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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**Box No. I Basis of the opinion**

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1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
  - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - a. type of material:
    - ☐ a sequence listing
    - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material:
    - ☐ in written format
    - ☐ in computer readable form
  - c. time of filing/furnishing:
    - ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
    - ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
    - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. II Priority**

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1. ☒ The following document has not been furnished:

- ☒ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(a)).  
☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43*bis*.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.
3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-10
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

**see separate sheet**

**Re Item V**

**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 and 10 does not involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT for the following reasons:
  - 1.1 The document US-A-4 670 916, in particular column 2, lines 35-41, column 4, lines 16-35 and figure 8, discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

a device useful in conjunction with a toilet bowl 13 or other sanitary appliance, which device provide for the delivery of a treatment composition (column 1, lines 7-10), which contains one or more active agents such as coloring agent, cleaning agent and/or an anti-lime scale agent or a mixture of these agents, while simultaneously providing a fragrancing effect to the ambient environment of the sanitary appliance as well,  
wherein the device includes  
a first dispenser 11 for containing a treatment composition,  
a second dispenser 11 for containing a fragrancing composition, which, during the use of the device, the fragrancing composition deirably does not contact water in the sanitary appliance,  
a hanger 40 connecting the first dispenser to the second dispenser, which hanger is adapted for removably hanging the device upon a porion of a sanitary appliance.
  - 1.2 The subject-matter of claim 1 therefore differs from this known device in that the first dispenser permits for passage of water contained within the sanitary appliance into and out of contact with said treatment composition.
  - 1.3 The problem to be solved by the present invention may therefore be regarded as providing a device the treatment of which is activated only during flushing.
  - 1.4 However, these features have already been employed for the same purpose in numerous similar devices, see e.g. document GB-A-2 329 399. It would be obvious to the person skilled in the art, namely when the same result is to be achieved, to apply these features with corresponding effect to a device according

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to document US-A-4 670 916, thereby arriving at a device according to claim 1.

- 1.5 The same reasoning applies, mutatis mutandis, to the subject-matter of the corresponding independent claim 10, which therefore is also considered not inventive.
2. Dependent claims 2-9 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of inventive step, see the documents and the corresponding passages cited in the search report.